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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<i>Application Number</i>	<b>10/749,284</b>
	<i>Filing Date</i>	<b>December 30, 2003</b>
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	<b>Domoto, et al.</b>
	<i>Art Unit</i>	<b>2852</b>
	<i>Examiner</i>	<b>Hoang X. Ngo</b>
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	<b>A3193-US-NP XERZ 2 00659</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on
- ii. ☐ Other.
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a **two-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- c. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ABOVE-INDICATED AMENDMENT(S)

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	15 - 20 =	0	x \$50	= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200	= \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (IF APPLICABLE) (37 CFR 1.16(d))		ANY -- 0	x \$360	= \$0.00
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (FOR APPLICATION THAT EXCEEDS 100 SHEETS, FEE FOR EACH GROUP OF 50 ADDITIONAL SHEETS)	0 GROUP(S)		x \$250	= \$0.00
BASIC RCE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$790.00
TOTAL LARGE ENTITY FEE =				\$790.00

Payment for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination (and if applicable, the search and examination fees) are authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 24-0037**.


Payment for the applicable extension of time fees is authorized to be charged to a Credit Card. The appropriate form PTO-2038 is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 8, 2007

Date

  
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence (and any item referred to herein as being attached or enclosed) is (are) being

- ☒ deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.
- ☐ transmitted to the USPTO by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR 1.18 on the date indicated below.

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Date: January 8, 2007

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